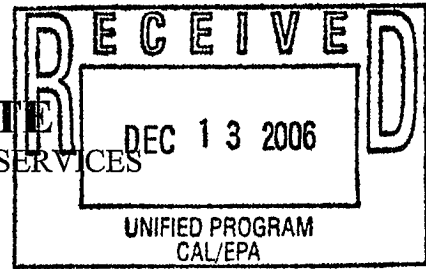




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To: Tina M. Gonzales, Environmental Scientist, CalEPA Unified Programs

From: Leon A. Perreault, Del Norte County Health and Social Services CUPA

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Date: December 8, 2006

Subject: Response to CUPA Deficiency Status Report Request (email) of November 21, 2006:

Tina:

I have (finally!) returned to work. Please find enclosed our corrective action responses and supporting documentation for the deficiencies mentioned in the above-referenced email:

Item 1

With regard to expedited review and tracking of permits, we submit a copy of the new procedures incorporated as Appendix 7-A and Appendix 7-B of the CUPA Operations Manual.

Item 2

Enclosed are the relevant Sections of the Operations Manual: Section 11-- *Inspection and Enforcement Program Plan* and Section 17--*Training and Technical Expertise*.

Item 4

Enclosed are two typical contact letters along with the monitoring, plot, and response plans submitted by the facility owners. All active facilities have been contacted although not all have responded as yet. Now that I am back to work, this item is a high priority for us.

Item 5

See Plan of Action to Ensure Annual Inspection of UST Facilities.

Item 6

Appendix 7-A and Appendix 7-B submitted for Item 1 contain policies and procedures addressing this issue as well. We have already implemented this policy.

Item 7

This deficiency is being corrected. We were not aware that a site visit to a CalARP facility for *any* inspection activity counts as a CalARP inspection for summary report purposes, so we actually had more reportable visits than the summary reports would indicate. We will keep reporting our progress on the quarterly reports, as well as the annual summary reports.

Item 8

We have incorporated CalARP dispute resolution procedures into our operations manual. See supporting materials.



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December 7, 2006

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Dear Ms. Gonzales:

With regard to the inspection of UST facilities within the CUPA, we submit the following:

1. During the fiscal year of 2005-2006, we conducted 16 inspections of the 19 UST facilities, a marked improvement over the prior year;
2. We would have accomplished even more except for increased personnel demands in certain non-CUPA programs such as disaster preparedness, West Nile Virus surveillance, land use, and on-site sewage systems; and,
3. We have been quite successful in coordinating the annual inspections with the annual monitoring certifications being performed by the designated operators.

Based on the above, we expect to do at least one inspection of every UST facility during the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Very truly yours,

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